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Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
New York, 19–23 March 2018

Draft report

Submitted by the Chair

I. Introduction

1. At its seventy-second session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 72/57, in which it decided to convene the third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects in New York from 18 to 29 June 2018, preceded by the meeting of the preparatory committee in New York, from 19 to 23 March 2018. The Assembly also underlined the importance of the full and effec..ve implementation of the Programme of Action and the International Tracing Instrument for attaining Goal 16 and target 16.4 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

II. Organizational matters

A. Opening and duration of the session and list of participants

2. The Preparatory Committee held its session at United Nations Headquarters from 19 to 23 March 2018. The session was opened by the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, who also made a statement. During the session, the Preparatory Committee held a total of __ formal meetings.

3. The Chief of the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch in the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management served as Secretary of the Preparatory Committee.

4. The list of participants is contained in document A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/2; and the list of non-governmental organizations is contained in document A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/1.

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B. Election of officers

5. At its 1st meeting, on 19 March, the Preparatory Committee elected the following officers:

Chair:
Jean-Claude Brunet (France)

Vice-Chairs:
Austria
Croatia
Egypt
Estonia
Greece
Islamic Republic of Iran
Japan
Kenya
Nepal
Russian Federation
Sierra Leone

C. Adoption of the agenda

6. Also at its 1st meeting, on 19 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted its agenda as contained in document A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.1.

D. Adoption of the rules of procedure

7. Also at its 1st meeting, on 19 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted its rules of procedure as contained in document A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.3.

E. Documentation

8. The documents of the Preparatory Committee are listed in the annex.

9. The Preparatory Committee also had before it working papers submitted by Belgium (A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.1), the United States of America (A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.2) and Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) (A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.3).

III. Proceedings of the session

10. At its 1st to 4th meetings from 19 to 20 March, and at its 6th to 8th meetings, from 22 to 23 March, the Preparatory Committee held a thematic debate on progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects and of the International Instrument to Enable States to Identify and Trace, in a Timely and Reliable Manner, Illicit Small Arms and Light Weapons, in which ___ participating States delivered statements.

11. The Preparatory Committee also heard statements made by representatives of ___ intergovernmental organizations at its 5th meeting, on 21 March 2018.

12. At the same meeting, statements by representatives of a total of ___ non-governmental organizations were heard.

13. At its __th meeting, on 23 March, the Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 10, entitled "Recommendations to the Conference on all relevant matters".

IV. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

14. At the ___th meeting, on 23 March, the Chair introduced the draft report of the Preparatory Committee, as contained in document A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.4.

15. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted its report.

V. Recommendations of the Preparatory Committee

16. At its __th meeting, on 23 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted the following recommendations:

Recommendation I
Draft provisional agenda of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee decides to recommend to the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects the provisional agenda as follows and as contained in document A/CONF.192/2018/PC/3:

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Conference.
2. Election of the President.
3. Statement by the President.
4. Address by the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
5. Adoption of the rules of procedure.
6. Adoption of the agenda.
7. Organization of work.
8. Election of officers other than the President.
9. Credentials of representatives to the Conference:
   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;
   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.
10. General exchange of views.
11. Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations.
12. Statements by non-governmental organizations.
13. Adoption of the final documents of the Conference.
14. Adoption of the report of the Conference.

Recommendation II
Draft provisional rules of procedure of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee decides to recommend for adoption by the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects the rules of procedure as contained in document A/CONF.192/2018/PC/2.

Recommendation III
Nomination of the President of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee, taking into account General Assembly resolution 72/57, in which the Assembly welcomed the early designation of France as the Chair of the third Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, decides to unanimously recommend the candidacy of Jean-Claude Brunet of France, the Chair of the Preparatory Committee, for the presidency of the Conference.

The Preparatory Committee requests the President-designate to undertake informal consultations, including open-ended informal consultations, if required, in the period before the Conference.

Recommendation IV
Nomination of the Secretary-General of the Conference

The Preparatory Committee decides to invite the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in consultation with Member States, to nominate an official to act as Secretary-General of the Conference.

Annex

Documents of the Preparatory Committee

1. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.1 Draft provisional agenda
2. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.2 Provisional programme of work
3. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.3 Rules of procedure applicable to the Preparatory Committee
4. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/L.4 Draft report
5. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/1 Outline of elements for consideration by the Conference
6. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/2 Provisional rules of procedure of the Conference
7. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/3 Provisional agenda of the Conference
8. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/1 List of non-governmental organizations
9. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/INF/2 List of participants
10. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.1 Working paper submitted by Belgium
11. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.2 Working paper submitted by the United States of America
12. A/CONF.192/2018/PC/WP.3 Working paper submitted by Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement)